



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the purchase of a replacement rapid response equipment vehicle for the SWAT Team from El Dorado Bus Sales, of Hayward (Asset Seizure \$82,000; State COPS \$850)

MEETING DATE: September 1, 2004

PREPARED BY: Jerry J. Adams, Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2004 Ford E-450 Terra Transit S.W.A.T. Vehicle from El Dorado Bus Sales of Hayward, California for \$82,850.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The S.W.A.T. Team currently uses a 1974 Chevrolet Stepvan as a means of transportation. Several hundred pounds of equipment are stored in the van. The van, used by Lodi Police since 1986, has deteriorated rapidly over the past few years. Last June, a CHP commercial enforcement officer examined the van and found that it had major structural problems. He discovered the van had stress fractures, it was 5,000 pounds over the manufacturer's recommended weight, and there was excessive wear near the front axle. He recommended removing the van from the city fleet.

We recommend that the van be purchased, sole source, from El Dorado Bus Sales of Hayward. El Dorado Bus Sales has provided Lodi's Dial a Ride buses, as well as specialty buses for Pittsburg Unified School District and San Mateo County. People using their vehicles had positive feedback regarding reliability. Other command vehicle manufacturers quoted in excess of \$100,000 for a SWAT van. (Mattman & Universal Specialty Vehicle).

The SWAT team relies on the van a great deal. In the event of an emergency situation, a team member drives the van to the scene. Officers respond directly from home to the location and deploy from the van instead of driving to the station and picking up their equipment. This significantly decreases the amount of time it takes the SWAT team to resolve a situation. For all planned operations, the 14+ team members ride in the van, along with all equipment, severely overtaxing the existing van's capabilities. The new vehicle is necessary to provide a safe and secure mode of transportation to all tactical incidents.

In addition, the van is used for public displays as well as for transporting equipment to off-site training locations.

FUNDING: Asset Seizure \$82,000, State COPS \$850

James R. Krueger
Finance Director

Jerry J. Adams
Chief of Police

cc: City Attorney

APPROVED:
Janet S. Keeter, Interim City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT
RAPID RESPONSE EQUIPMENT VEHICLE FOR THE
S.W.A.T. TEAM

WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code §3.20.070 authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services, or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the S.W.A.T. Team currently utilizes a 1974 Chevrolet Stepvan as a means of transportation, and also to transport several hundred pounds of equipment, which are stored in the van; and

WHEREAS, in June 2003, a CHP Commercial Enforcement Officer examined the van and found that it had major structural problems, stress fractures, and was 5,000 lbs. over the manufacturer's recommended weight and recommended removing the van from the City's fleet; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the sole-source purchase of a 2004 Ford E-450 Terra Transit S.W.A.T. Vehicle from El Dorado Bus Sales, of Hayward, California, at a cost of \$82,850.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the sole-source purchase of a 2004 Ford E-450 Terra Transit S.W.A.T. Vehicle from El Dorado Bus Sales, of Hayward, California, at a cost of \$82,850; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds in the amount of \$82,000 be utilized from the Asset Seizure Funds and \$850 from the State COPS for this purchase.

Dated: September 1, 2004

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2004-169 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held September 1, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hitchcock, Howard, and
Mayor Hansen

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Land

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk